

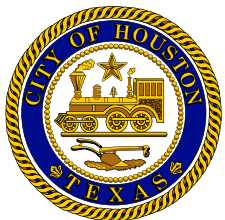


**2021**

**ANNUAL  
ACTION PLAN  
TOOLKIT**

CITY OF HOUSTON

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**



# OUR VISION

The Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) envisions a city where everyone has a **safe** home they can **afford** in a **community** where they can **thrive**.



**Affordable  
Homes**



**Infrastructure/  
Neighborhood  
Services**



**Community  
Economic  
Development**



**Supportive  
Services**

To achieve our vision, HCDD uses approximately \$50 million each year in the following federal entitlement grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The annual grant amounts are based on a specified formula determined by HUD that considers various demographic, housing, and market characteristics of Houston.

## CDBG

**Community Development  
Block Grant**

- Housing
- Public services
- Public facilities
- Economic development

## HOME

**HOME Investment  
Partnerships Grant**

- Affordable homes for
- Renters
  - Owners

## HOPWA

**Housing Opportunities  
for Persons with AIDS**

- Housing and social  
services for persons with  
HIV/AIDS and their families

## ESG

**Emergency  
Solutions Grant**

- Shelter and services for  
homeless persons and  
those at risk of becoming  
homeless

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Every year, HUD requires the City to submit an Annual Action Plan to qualify for entitlement grants like CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grants. This plan identifies HCDD's strategy to improve Houston's neighborhoods and the quality of life for low- and moderate-income families over the next year. The Annual Action Plan includes goals and objectives for program activities and an annual budget for entitlement grants.

## 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TIMELINE

**NOV 2020**



Fall Community  
Meetings to obtain  
community input

**NOV 2020- MAR 2021**



HCDD develops  
draft plan

**MAR/APR 2021**



Spring Community Meetings  
and 30-day comment period  
to obtain input on draft plan

**MAY 2021**



Submit plan  
to HUD

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Community input is important to develop an Annual Action Plan that reflects the needs of Houston residents. Tell us about your community and housing needs and about the programs or services you would like HCDD to fund. Review HCDD's recent accomplishments and let us know how to improve collaboration to meet housing and community needs.



# FIVE YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

In September 2020, HCDD completed its final annual report for the 2015-2019 strategic planning period, called the 2019 CAPER. Over the past five years, HCDD created housing options and provided opportunity for thousands of Houstonians. Below are some of our recent accomplishments using the four entitlement grants.

## Creating Housing Options

### Who is considered low and moderate income?

To help Houstonians in need, HCDD primarily serves residents and families who earn below the following amounts

**1 person: \$44,150**  
**2 person: \$50,450**  
**3 person: \$56,750**  
**4 person: \$63,050**



Repaired over **402** homes for low- and moderate-income families



Rebuilt Home through Single-Family Home Repair Program



Funded construction or rehab of over **2,780** affordable multifamily rental homes



Edison Lofts, a mixed-income community of apartments in Southwest Houston



Provided **230** low- and moderate-income families with down payment assistance to help them purchase a home



Assisted **4,290** people with homeless prevention and **1,921** families with rental assistance prevent homelessness



Supported creation of Houston Community Land Trust and expansion of Houston Land Bank to create **64** permanently affordable homes

## Enhancing Quality of Life and Neighborhoods

- Funded **35** new or improved community facilities in neighborhoods
- Funded nonprofit organizations to assist **113,868** people with job training, child care, youth enrichment, or other services
- Reached **5,818** individuals and business owners with the Section 3 certification information and certifying **424** individuals and businesses for Section 3.



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## Increasing Communication and Transparency

- Enhanced public hearings to include an open house and structured table discussions to enable residents to meet with, receive answers from, and give feedback to HCDD staff.
- Attended over **275** community meetings to answer questions or provide program information, reaching over **25,000** attendees
- Created a monthly meeting called the Housing Advocate Collective to provide open communication with community leaders and stakeholders on a regular basis
- Created a monthly newsletter via email and hardcopy to provide regular updates and information to residents





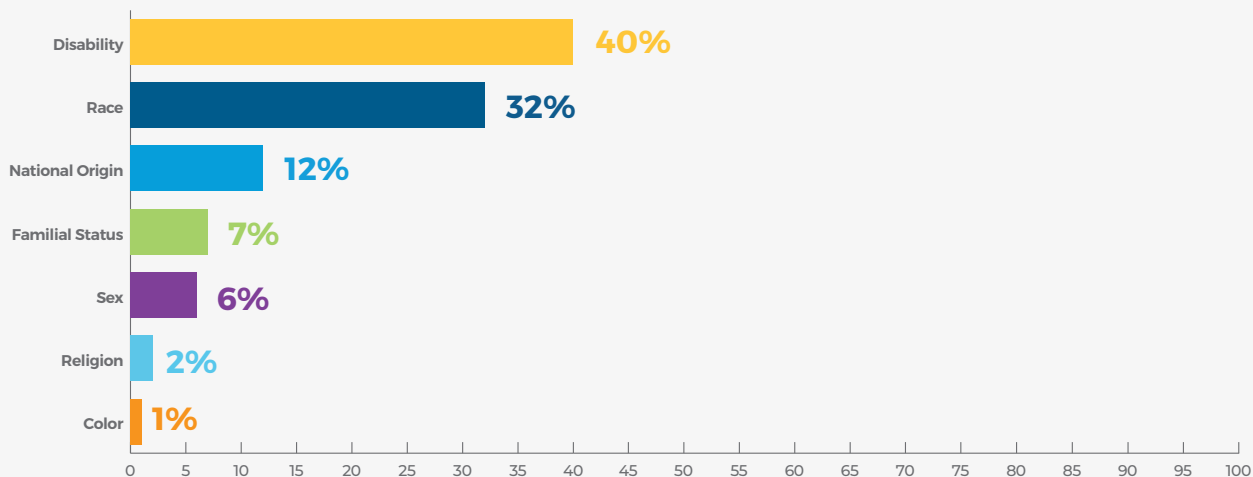
# FAIR HOUSING INFORMATION

## OVERVIEW

The Fair Housing Act protects 7 protected classes from housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, sex, and familial status.

### Houston Fair Housing Complaints by Protected Class (2005-2019)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fair Housing Cases from Houston, 2005-2019

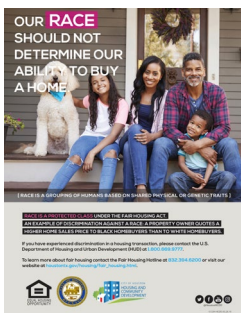


### The Fair Housing Act protects renters and homebuyers.

### What are landlords or lenders allowed to do?

YES ✓	NO ✗
Equal terms and conditions	Preferences in advertising
Equal housing locations	Excess fees
Reasonable accommodations and modifications	Evictions based on protected class

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Launched **3** fair housing public service campaigns reaching over **4.5 million** people

- Say Yes Campaign
- Houston Be Fair
- I am Protected Campaign

Provided information to **6,512** Fair Housing Hotline callers

Created a Pilot Fair Housing Ambassador Program with **21** participants supporting community members to provide fair housing information in their own community



Partnered with **86** organizations to promote fair housing information in Houston



# FAIR HOUSING INFORMATION CONT.

## HOUSING AND COVID-19

Recently, the CDC directly linked residential segregation to health conditions that greatly increase the likelihood of severe illness or death from COVID-19. People that are more likely to suffer from COVID-19 also tend to live in areas with higher rates of pollution and disproportionate access to healthy food and medical facilities.<sup>1</sup> People of color are facing serious financial hardship due to COVID-19 and have historically lived in areas of the city with less opportunity.

Visit [www.houstontx.gov/housing/COVID-19](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing/COVID-19) to see how we are helping families during COVID-19.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/heed-extra-precautions/racial-ethnic-minorities.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://nrc.org/holc-health/>

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please join us during the 2020 Virtual Fall Community Meetings and Public Hearings to give your input on the 2021 Annual Action Plan. You can participate on:

### Online with Adobe Connect

Link: [bit.ly/2020FPH](https://bit.ly/2020FPH)

### Call In

US (Toll): 1-646-307-1479

Participant Code: 7427250641

### Watch On

Facebook Live @HoustonHCDD

**Wednesday,**  
**November 18, 2020**  
3:00 pm

**Thursday,**  
**November 19, 2020**  
6:00 pm

### Did you Know?

A joint survey between HCDD and Harris County will help how Houston plans for to address future housing needs. Take the survey at [www.MyHomelsHere.org](http://www.MyHomelsHere.org)



### Can't Join Us Live

You can also view the event on HTV and Facebook Live @HoustonHCDD. If you cannot attend the live meetings, you can still review the meeting materials and give your input about the 2021 Annual Action Plan. You can share your ideas through the following methods:

#### Email:

[HCDDPlanning@houstontx.gov](mailto:HCDDPlanning@houstontx.gov)

#### Voicemail:

Call 832-394-5400

#### Online:

<https://houstontx.gov/housing/landing/public-hearing.html>

#### Mail:

Attn: Planning and Grants Management  
City of Houston  
Housing and Community Development Dept.  
2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor  
Houston, Texas 77002

**TO READ PREVIOUS ANNUAL ACTION PLANS, PLEASE VISIT:**  
<https://houstontx.gov/housing/hud-reports.html>

